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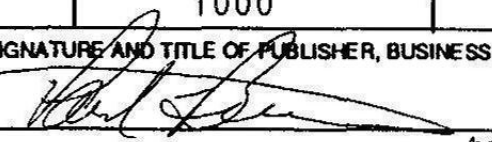
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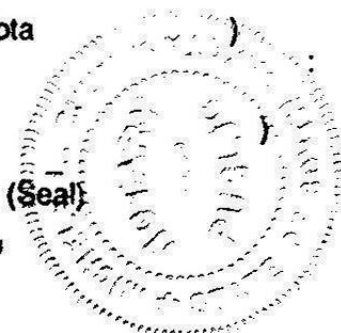
**Statement of Legal Newspaper Ownership and Circulation**

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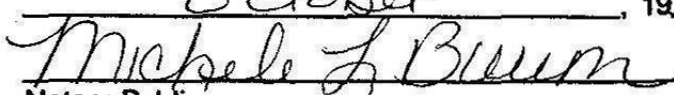
1. TITLE OF NEWSPAPER <b>ALCESTER UNION</b>		2. DATE OF FILING <b>9-30-99</b>
3. FREQUENCY OF ISSUE <b>WEEKLY</b>	3A. NO. OF ISSUES PUBLISHED ANNUALLY <b>52</b>	3B. ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION PRICE <b>\$20/\$24</b>
4. COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS OF KNOWN OFFICE OF PUBLICATION (Street, City, County, State and ZIP+4 Code) (Not printers) <b>PO BOX 227, 110 E 1ST ST., ALCESTER, SD 57001-0227</b>		
5. COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS OF THE HEADQUARTERS OR GENERAL BUSINESS OFFICES OF THE PUBLISHER (Not printer) <b>PO BOX 227, 100 E 1ST ST., ALCESTER, SD 57001-0227</b>		
6. FULL NAME OF PUBLISHER: <b>PAUL B. BUUM</b>		
7. OWNER (If owned by a corporation, its name and address must be stated and list on the back of this form the names and addresses of stockholders owning or holding 1 percent or more of total amount of stock. If not owned by a corporation, the names and addresses of the individual owners must be given. If owned by a partnership or other unincorporated firm, its name and address, as well as that of each individual must be given.) FULL NAME COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS <b>PAUL BRIAN BUUM, 210 DAKOTA, PO BOX 301, ALCESTER, SD 57001-0301</b>		
8. KNOWN BONDHOLDERS, MORTGAGEES, AND OTHER SECURITY HOLDERS OWNING OR HOLDING 1 PERCENT OR MORE OF TOTAL AMOUNT OF BONDS, MORTGAGES OR OTHER SECURITIES (If there are none, so state. If more space is needed, list on back of this form) <b>STATE BANK OF ALCESTER, PO BOX 168, ALCESTER, SD 57001</b> <b>MARY ETTA BROSE, PO BOX 44, ALCESTER, SD 57001</b>		
9. EXTENT AND NATURE OF CIRCULATION (See instructions on reverse side)	AVERAGE NO. COPIES EACH ISSUE D PRECEDING 12 MONTHS	ACTUAL NO. COPIES ISSUE NEAREST TO FILING DATE
A. TOTAL NO. COPIES (Net Press Run)	1000	1000
B. PAID AND/OR REQUESTED CIRCULATION 1. Sales through dealers and carriers, street vendors and counter sales	165	165
2. Mail Subscription (Paid and or requested)	679	694
C. TOTAL PAID AND/OR REQUESTED CIRCULATION (Sum of 10B1 and 10B2)	844	859
D. FREE DISTRIBUTION BY MAIL, CARRIER OR OTHER MEANS	31	31
SAMPLES, COMPLIMENTARY, AND OTHER FREE COPIES	0	0
E. TOTAL DISTRIBUTION (Sum of C and D)	875	890
F. COPIES NOT DISTRIBUTED 1. Office use, left over, unaccounted, spoiled after printing	85	67
2. Return from News Agents	40	43
G. TOTAL (Sum of E, F1 and 2 -- should equal net press run shown in A)	1000	1000
I swear that the statements made by me above are correct and complete.		
SIGNATURE AND TITLE OF PUBLISHER, BUSINESS MANAGER OR OWNER  OWNER		

State of South Dakota

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County of



Sworn to before me this 17th day of  
October, 1999

  
Notary Public

My commission expires \_\_\_\_\_ My Commission Expires  
May 8, 2005